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FOR EASUM FROM SPIERS

E.O. 11652: XGDS
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SUBJ: YOUR MEETING WITH GARBA

FOLLOWING REFLECTS POINTS THAT ANDREW YOUNG AND
BILL SCHAUFELT FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO
MAKE WITH GARBA PRIOR TO HIS TRIP. NEITHER HAS
SEEN THIS CABLE, BUT I BELIEVE THESE ARE ACCURATE
REFLECTIONS OF THEIR VIEWS:

1. US ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONTINUES TO BE WILLING
TO HELP TO ACHIEVE IT.

2. WE WELCOME NIGERIAN INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS TO
CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A SOLUTION AS DISPLAYED IN TALKS
WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

3. IN THIS PERIOD FOLLOWING SMITH'S REJECTION OF
BRITISH PROPOSALS, IT SEEMS TO US IMPORTANT THAT
FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND THE NATIONALISTS KEEP DOOR

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OPEN TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. NIGERIANS HAVE ALWAYS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS
ON NATIONALIST UNITY AND WE HOPE THEIR INTEREST AND
INFLUENCE WILL WORK TO HELP AVOID SITUATION WHICH
WOULD LEAD TO ANGOLA-LIKE DEVELOPMENTS IN ZIMBABWE.

5. FYI: BRITISH HAVE DISPLAYED GREAT SKITTISHNESS ABOUT CONCEPT OF A MEETING OF UK-US-FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS-NIGERIA-ZAIRE-NATIONALISTS AND NOTHING SHOULD NOW BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE THIS IDEA. END FYI.

6. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHETHER NYRERE SAYS THE SAME THING TO GARBA THAT HE SAID TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

7. WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SOUND OUT MACHEL'S VIEWS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH HE HAS BEEN HURT BY SMITH'S ATTACKS, WHAT DEGREE OF URGENCY HE ATTACHES TO CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS, AND WHAT HS SEES AS NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE THEREFOR.

8. US-UK INTEND TO HOLD FULL REVIEW OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION AS SOON AS SECRETARY VANCE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON (PROBABLY DURING FIRST WEEK IN MARCH).

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